

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 23, 2012
REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Nesbitt presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: William W. Kirby, Kevin Hanley, J. M. "Mike" Holmes, Bridget Powers, Keith Nesbitt

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath and Police Chief John Ruffcorn.

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957.6:

MOTION: Holmes/ Powers/ Unanimously approved by voice

The City Council finds, based on advice from legal counsel, that discussion in open session will prejudice the position of the City in the litigation.

(1) **Existing Litigation:**
(G.C. 54956.9(a))

Name of Case: City of Auburn v. Sierra Patient and Caregiver Exchange, Inc. et al.

Names of Parties: Plaintiff: City of Auburn. Defendants: Sierra Patient and Caregiver Exchange, Inc. (dba S&R Blooms & Blossoms); Richard Miller; and Does 1-10

Case No. S-CV-0029599 (Placer Superior Court)

By **MOTION**, add item to closed session:

(2) Brief discussion of the City's Labor Negotiator.

MOTION: Hanley/ Powers/ Unanimously approved by voice

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus of the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Appointment of Arts Commissioner

By **RESOLUTION 12-04**, appoint Nancy Hakala to the Auburn Arts Commission.

2. Appointments of Councilmembers to Boards and Commissions

By **MOTION**, affirm Mayor Nesbitt's nominations of Councilmembers to serve on various Boards and Commissions and affirm Mayor Pro Tem Hanley's nominations of Mayor Nesbitt to serve on various Boards and Commissions

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION**, approve the consent calendar.

MOTION: Holmes/ Powers/ Approved 5:0 (each Council Member abstained from their own appointments to various commissions on item 2).

3. Public Comment

No public comment.

REPORTS

4. City Council Committee Reports

Council Member Hanley reported on the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council and thanked the Fire Chief for submitting an application to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to help fund the shaded fuel break work.

Council Member Powers reported on the Placer County Economic Development Board annual breakfast to be held to honor business owners and non-profit organizations in our community. She said nominations are currently open.

Council Member Holmes reported that the United Auburn Indian Community statue is going to be installed in Central Square this week. He reported that the final touches on the art mural on the Depot Bay wall will be completed soon. He also reported that on Wednesday, the Auburn Airport Advisory Committee will be hearing from Doug Van Howd regarding the proposed monument at the airport. He reported that six more buildings in Auburn have been approved for the National Register of Historic Places. He reported on the signing of the long term agreement for the Auburn State Recreation Area. He reported on the Certified Local Government status. He reported on the presentation by Buxton to the Economic Development Commission.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

5. Tile Engraving at Central Square to Recognize Virgil Traynor

City Manager Robert Richardson presented this item. He said during public comment in the last City Council meeting, two members of the community asked to have a tile engraved in Central Square in honor of Virgil Traynor.

Council Member questions followed regarding: (1) the process of approval for engravings on tiles in Central Square, (2) Streetscape History and Art Advisory Committee's (SHAAC) involvement, and (3) precedent for future nominations.

Public comment in favor of engraving a tile to honor Virgil Traynor:

Auburn Residents Coleen Conley, Richard Azevedo, Cheryl Maki, John Baker, and Bart Ruud.

Council Member comments followed regarding: (1) SHAAC's involvement in the future, (2) criteria determined by SHAAC, (3) completion timeframe, (4) due process involving SHAAC, and (5) future public comment regarding tiles be referred to staff, then to SHAAC.

By **MOTION**, approve a tile engraving in Central Square to recognize Virgil Traynor and direct the City Manager and Mayor to determine the exact location of tile with the City Manager to work with proponents on specific wording.

MOTION: Holmes/ Nesbitt/ Approved 5:0

6. **Auburn Arts in the Park**

Council Member introduced Joyce Silva from the Arts Commission.

Commissioner Joyce Silva explained the upcoming festival. She said the Arts Commission is proposing a one day visual and performing arts festival called Auburn Arts in the Park. She said the festival will take place from 10:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the School Park Preserve. The festival will include musical and dance performances on the amphitheater stage, strolling musicians, strolling actors portraying famous artists, art-oriented educational activities for children, art for sale, food booths, and a wine and beer garden.

Council Member questions followed regarding: (1) sound system for amphitheater, (2) repayment of funds, and (3) theater events.

Council Member comments followed regarding: (1) community sponsors, (2) funds to benefit the Arts Commission, and (3) self-funded events in the community.

By **MOTION**, approve the expenditure of \$1,000 for the arts festival.

MOTION: Powers/ Hanley/ Approved 5:0

7. **Regional Sewer Project Update**

Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder presented this item. She reviewed the purpose of the presentation, the goals of the regional sewer concept, formation of the Placer Nevada Wastewater Authority, status of the regional sewer project as it stands today, the means of achieving a regional sewer project, and the current Auburn Wastewater Treatment Plant (PowerPoint presentation available with the staff report).

Dan Rich, from NexGen Utility Management, reviewed compliance history and anticipated future regulations.

Andy Heath, Administrative Services Director, reviewed his PowerPoint presentation in regards to the Auburn Sewer Fund (presentation available with staff report).

Bernie Schroeder addressed issues going forward, alternative actions for the Council to consider and lastly provided a summary and conclusion. She said staff recommends if Council chooses to move forward with the Regional Sewer Solution that it be conditioned as follows: (1) City of Auburn would not be committing to planning and design costs, (2) Placer County would commit to rate stabilization for the City of Auburn ratepayers for the next five years, and (3) any future funding contribution

would also include funding for Lincoln's anticipated future wastewater treatment plant expansion.

Council Member Kirby asked if any of the fund presentation slides discussed the alternative of outside funding, getting out of the wastewater business, and expansion of Lincoln Plant in regards to funding.

Council Member Hanley asked about a report from Lincoln specifying how they would use the additional treated wastewater in a reclaimed water aspect and impacts to ratepayers, contaminants of emerging concern (CEC's), Placer County Board of Supervisor's opinion on use of Middlefork funds and change of proposal in regards to City of Lincoln's ratemaking power.

Council Member Holmes asked for clarification on potential savings at the current treatment plant, intent of proposed resolution, make-up water and the governance issue.

Council Member Powers asked about the federal funding goal, actual grants secured by the County, Placer Nevada Wastewater Authority's original founding in 1999, Lincoln's proposed rate and implications for Placer County, future regulations on CEC's, funding request for studies to be completed, and our level of commitment.

Mayor Nesbitt asked about the proposed partial/secondary treatment at the current plant and the financial impact on the City of going forward with regionalization.

Council Member Kirby asked what the ratepayer adjustments would be if there was grant funding received for the total cost of the capital project.

Council recessed for 5 minutes

Warren Bennett, Executive Director of Placer County Wastewater Authority, evaluated history and future rates at local wastewater treatment plants and compliance issues. He said compliance issues will be significant in the future if the City of Auburn does not move forward with a regional wastewater treatment plant.

Robert Emerick, Process Designer for the City of Lincoln Wastewater Treatment Plant, explained how he designed the treatment plant and the process of handling contaminants of emerging concern.

Council Member Hanley asked Mr. Emerick about the treatment process development and reclamation of wastewater.

Mayor Nesbitt asked Mr. Emerick if Placer County and Auburn are introduced to the Lincoln plant, how it would affect the process of holding water for long periods.

Council Member Kirby asked Mr. Emerick about the reclaimed water cleanliness in comparison to the irrigation water currently being used in agriculture. He also asked if Auburn has the capacity on a regular basis to hold water locally. He asked what the major disadvantage is to using the local wastewater treatment plant.

Council Member Powers asked if there are environmental reasons to go to a regional wastewater treatment plant.

Bernie Schroeder said in regards to the environmental issues related to regional versus onsite, onsite where the City currently treats its discharge, the regional board under the NPDS permit, ensures environmental compliance.

Bruce Burnworth, City Engineer with the City of Lincoln, explained what the reclaimed water would be used for in Lincoln. He said in the Lincoln proposal it was stated each agency would set its own rates. He addressed studies to be completed on water flow in the creeks.

Robert Weygandt, Placer County Supervisor, District 2, spoke about why he believes a regional wastewater treatment plant is a "no brainer". He spoke about rates, reclaimed water, environmental benefits, "getting out of the business", and action taken by the Placer County Board of Supervisors. He explained the financial benefits of moving forward with a regional plant.

Council Member Kirby asked Supervisor Weygandt about the bid deadlines.

Council Member Hanley asked Supervisor Weygandt about the use of Middlefork funds.

Jim Holmes, Placer County Supervisor, addressed the issue of Middlefork monies. He said he opposes spending that money before it is actually received. He spoke about other priorities for those funds.

Council Member Kirby asked Supervisor Holmes about funds already dedicated to other projects.

Pamela Creedon, Executive Officer of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, said their board has passed a resolution supporting a regional wastewater treatment solution. She said a regional solution will

lessen the burden on ratepayers. She explained current and future requirements on wastewater.

Council Member Hanley asked Ms. Creedon about sponsoring bills in the legislature to try to revise the time schedule to go regional. She also addressed minimum mandatory penalties.

Bob Snyder, resident of Auburn, spoke in favor of having a regionalized wastewater solution. He talked about compliance costs inevitably increasing, long term solutions, and directing staff to get clear and decisive answers to the important issues.

Cheryl Maki, resident of Auburn, said she supports regionalizing the wastewater treatment plant, but spoke to the actions of the County. She said Auburn should not be the decision maker; Placer County needs to make their decision first. She said "the county leaders need to lead".

Council recessed for 5 minutes

Council Member Kirby commented on the purpose of the resolution he brought forward, CEC's, and that the resolution does not state any level of commitment.

Council Member Hanley commented on lowering cost to ratepayers and lowering risk. He said standards of what Auburn would expect need to be outlined to the Board of Supervisors including use of Middlefork funds for pipeline construction, governance structure, incentives, availability of makeup water and handling of the solar facility at current treatment plant.

Council Member Holmes said he is in favor of a regional wastewater treatment plant. He said it is a long term commitment, but more information is needed at this time.

Council Member Powers said she would like to see more definition in the resolution regarding the Middlefork funds, governing structure and request for funding.

Mayor Nesbitt said he would like to send a message to the County about what is needed to make a decision. He said he would like a JPA to confirm Auburn has control over rates and has a voice in what happens, commitment of Middlefork funds, and developer mitigation fees.

Council Member Kirby suggested the following changes to the proposed resolution: "The City of Auburn requests that the Board of Supervisors grant the City of Auburn the capital cost of the project", "the governance

structure needs to be clearly delineated and the City of Auburn needs to agree”.

Council Member Hanley asked for a revision on the last sentence of the resolution to eliminate the word “ultimate”, to not create an unnecessary deadline for Auburn. Council Member Hanley said due to the tight timeline, commitment on the Middlefork funds is crucial.

Supervisor Weygandt said the board will likely make a decision on March 13, 2012 on whether or not a regional upgrade will take place. He said he feels a Middlefork funds decision could be made before March.

Council Member Kirby clarified amendments to be made on the resolution: on page 37 (of staff report), line 8 of the resolution should read “the city expects to be granted the capital cost of the project”, add at line 13 “the city reserves the right to review and accept any proposed governance”, and “ultimate” needs to be eliminated in the last sentence.

By **RESOLUTION 12-05**, notify Placer County of Auburn’s current position on a Regionalized Wastewater Treatment Plan with amendments mentioned above.

MOTION: Kirby/ Holmes/ Approved 5:0

8. **Consideration of Becoming Successor Agency to the Auburn Urban Development Authority’s Housing Assets and Functions**

Finance Director Andy Heath presented this item (presentation available in staff report).

Council Member comments followed regarding the Blocker Drive property.

By **RESOLUTION 12-06**, elect to become the Successor Agency to the Auburn Urban Development Authority’s Housing Assets and Functions previously performed by AUDA, and notify the Placer County Auditor-Controller of this decision by January 31, 2012.

MOTION: Holmes/ Powers/ Approved 5:0

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nesbitt adjourned this meeting in memory of Martin Lara, without objection, at 10:34 p.m.

Keith Nesbitt, Mayor

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 1, 2012
SPECIAL SESSION

A Special Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Nesbitt presiding and Deputy City Clerk Amy Lind recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: William W. Kirby, Kevin Hanley, J. M. "Mike" Holmes, Bridget Powers, Keith Nesbitt

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

1. CLOSED SESSION:

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957.6

(a) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

G.C. 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Robert Richardson

Employee Group: All Bargaining Units

(b) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

G.C. 54957

Title: City Manager

MOTION: Holmes/ Powers/ Unanimously approved by voice

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nesbitt adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 7:01 p.m.

Keith Nesbitt, Mayor

Amy M. Lind, Deputy City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

February 23, 2012

SPECIAL SESSION

A Special Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Nesbitt presiding and City Clerk Joe Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: William W. Kirby, Kevin Hanley, J. M. "Mike" Holmes, Bridget Powers, Keith Nesbitt

Council Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

CLOSED SESSION:

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957.6

MOTION: Hanley/ Holmes/ Unanimously approved by voice

(1) **Initiation of Litigation**
(G.C. 54956.9(c))

Number of potential cases: 1

(2) **Anticipated Litigation**
(G.C. 54956.9(b)(1))

A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the City Council on the advice of the City Attorney, based on the below-described existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the City.

- a) Receipt of Claim pursuant to Tort Claims Act or other written communication from George S. Louie threatening litigation (copy available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office). (Government Code Section 54956.9b(3)(C)).

(3) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

G.C. 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Robert Richardson

Employee Group: All Bargaining Units

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The City Council approved a settlement in the George S. Louie claim. A copy of the settlement agreement is available in the City Clerk's office.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nesbitt adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 7:12 p.m.

Keith Nesbitt, Mayor

Amy M. Lind, Deputy City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**February 27, 2012
REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Nesbitt presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: William W. Kirby, Kevin Hanley, J. M. "Mike" Holmes, Keith Nesbitt

Council Members Absent: Bridget Powers

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Community Development Director Will Wong, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogio, Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder, Senior Planner Reg Murray, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath and Police Chief John Ruffcorn.

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Nesbitt presented certificates of appreciation to Erik Croft for being Firefighter of the Year, Hook and Ladder Company for their 160th Anniversary and Celebration Community Fellowship for their fundraising efforts.

AGENDA APPROVAL

City Manager Robert Richardson requested postponement of item 2 on the consent calendar to the next meeting. The remainder of the agenda was approved as presented by consensus of the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1 **Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of 01/09/2012.

2. **Results of Annual Audit – Fiscal Year 2010-11**

Item postponed.

3. **Corporation Yard Security Camera Project – Change Order and Notice of Completion**

By **RESOLUTION 12-07**, authorize a change order in the amount of \$1,159 for infrared lighting for the Corporation Yard Security Camera Project.

By **RESOLUTION 12-08**, authorize the recording of a Notice of Completion for the Corporation Yard Security Camera Project.

4. **Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Funds**

By **RESOLUTION 12-09**, approve the acceptance of \$11,000 in grant funds from the Department of Homeland Security, issued through the State Office of Emergency Services, and authorize the purchase of eight narrowband radios with internal scanners.

5. **Proposition 1B Transit Security Grant Program – On-Board Cameras**

By **RESOLUTION 12-10**, authorize the City Manager and/or Director of Public Works to submit and execute on behalf of the City of Auburn a grant application for the California Transit Security Grant Program.

6. **Consultant Agreement for Engineering & Construction Services for the Sewer Collection System & Consulting Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant**

By **RESOLUTION 12-11**, authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the consultant agreement with NexGen Utility Management for Engineering & Construction Services for the Sewer Collection System and consulting services associated with wastewater treatment.

7. **Consideration of Approving and Adopting an Initial Draft of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34177 (1)**

By **RESOLUTION 12-12**, approve and adopt an initial draft of the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 34177 (1).

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By MOTION, approve consent calendar excluding item 2.

MOTION: Holmes/ Hanley/ Approved 4:0 (Powers absent)

8. **Public Comment**

No public comment.

REPORTS

9. **Mid-Year Informational Report – Citywide Legal Expenses**

Finance Director Andy Heath presented this item. He said staff is currently in the process of reviewing citywide revenue and departmental expenditure budgets. He said the legal expenses have already reached the budgeted amount due to “out-of-scope” legal issues that have occurred this fiscal year. He said he anticipated presenting the full mid year report to City Council on March 12, 2012 with recommendation to increase and/or decrease citywide budgeted amounts as appropriate.

Council Member questions followed regarding: (1) lawsuit costs, (2) labor negotiation costs, (3) personnel issues, (4) APOA Labor Issues/ Contract dispute, and (5) cost of litigation in comparison to bargaining unit's financial request.

City Attorney Michael Colantuono gave a brief synopsis of the APOA grievance/ lawsuit and the appeal.

Council Member comments followed regarding the “wasteful lawsuit” and the City's fiscal responsibility.

Andy Heath stated if the 3% cost of living had been implemented for the APOA, the cost to the City would be \$55,000- \$60,000 per year.

10. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Kirby reported on the Placer Nevada County Wastewater Authority possibly reaching a regional sewer solution. He said the vote by the Placer County Board of Supervisors Tuesday regarding Middlefork funds is crucial to success of this project.

Council Member Hanley reported on the Sacramento Area Council of Governments and discussions regarding affordable housing. He also reported on the Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council and the Bureau of Reclamation signing a 5 year agreement with the California Conservation Core to clear brush in the Canyon.

Council Member Holmes reported on the Annual Cap-to-Cap Conference in Washington D.C., he said he will be attending again this year. He reported on a plan with PG&E and Union Pacific Railroad to allow

alternative access while replacing train tracks at crossings in Auburn. He reported on a local artist who would like to donate art for Central Square. He reported on the signing ceremony that occurred last week for the agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the California State Parks & Recreation. He also reported on the Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant request for funds for the Fire Safe Council to work on clearing brush in the Canyon.

Mayor Nesbitt reported the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency met regarding Local Transportation Funds and State Transit Assistance Funds, the review of unmet transit needs, and the Airport Plan Use Compatibility Plan. He reported on the Capital Corridor JPA meeting and the funding levels in the Governor's budget for inter-city passenger rail lines. He also said they are also working to create more bicycle access on the rail lines.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

11. Communication Telephone/ Voicemail System Request for Proposals

Administrative Director Andy Heath introduced this item. He said the current telephone system the City uses has been in place for approximately 17 years. He said it is significantly outdated, somewhat unsupported and lacks storage capacity.

Richard Owens, Chair of the Technology Commission, presented this item (available in staff report). He said the current system the City is using is no longer available and support is extremely limited. He explained the analysis of a new telephone system completed by his commission. He said they would like to send out a Request for Information (RFI) which should allow them to be able to narrow down the vendors to provide the necessary technology.

Council Member questions followed: (1) potential vendors, (2) timeline, (3) funding, (4) resident perspective, (5) 211 information system, and (6) price range.

The Council members expressed their appreciation for the work and expertise the Technology Commission provides.

By **MOTION**, direct staff and the Technology Commission to issue and facilitate a Request for Proposals as it relates to the replacement of the City's telephone and voicemail system.

MOTION: Hanley/ Holmes/ Approved 4:0 (Powers absent)

Richard Owens said city staff has been excellent to work with, and the commission appreciates them as well.

12. **Col. "Bud" Anderson Monument at the Auburn Airport**

Council Member Holmes presented this item. He said local sculptor Doug Van Howd has offered to create a monument to honor Col. Bud Anderson as well as other aviators. He said the proposed monument has been approved by the Auburn Aviation Association, The Auburn Aviation Association Airport Advisory Committee, Auburn Airport Business Park Association and Auburn Arts Commission. He said this monument will be funded by private funds. He said location has not been determined but it is proposed to be placed in a location accessible to the public on airport property.

Council Member comments followed regarding the outstanding quality of Van Howd's work, possible locations and a plaque listing donors and local aviators.

By **MOTION**, approve the design and installation of the "Bud" Anderson monument at the Auburn Airport.

MOTION: Holmes/ Hanley/ Approved 4:0 (Powers absent)

13. **Display of "In God We Trust" in the Council Chambers**

Council Member Holmes presented this item. He said this signage was approved by council back in October of 2011. He said the design and location must be determined. He said local sign maker John Lusty offered to make the sign at no cost to the City.

Council Member Kirby said he opposes any faith specially being in public chambers. He said any sign that would stifle a member of the public should not be displayed in a public chamber.

Council Member Hanley said he does not feel that this sign will "push faith on anyone". He said it acts as a reminder to elected officials to be modest about what they do and to always think about decisions they make. He said he is in favor of putting the signage on the dais.

Mayor Nesbitt said his preference is the font choice that resembles the way it is written on U.S. currency.

Consensus of the Council was to have white letters, using font option two, on a black background to be placed centered on the dais.

By **MOTION**, approve the style and location of the "In God We Trust" signage to be installed in the Council Chambers.

MOTION: Holmes/ Hanley/ Approved 3:1 (Powers absent, Kirby voted no)

14. **Public Safety Regional Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System**

Police Chief John Ruffcorn presented this item (presentation available in staff report). He explained that through the identification and procurement of a new regional system, enterprise solution; enhanced automated capabilities could be expected that will allow for improved data management, effective decision support, and enhanced records retention and analysis. He explained funding for this system secured with AB109.

Council Member questions followed regarding: (1) AB109 funds, (2) possible general funds, (3) contract fiscal impact, (4) benefits to officers, (5) increase in maintaining system, and (6) electronic capabilities.

City Clerk Joe Labrie asked if the system would include voice recognition, to use for transcribing purposes.

Council Member Kirby addressed the disadvantages of using voice recognition for transcribing when it comes to legal documents.

Council Member Hanley thanked the Police Chief for working with Roseville and Placer County on this regionalization. He said this system could provide more information to a responding officer, and he supports it.

By **RESOLUTION 12-13** authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with the County of Placer and the City of Roseville to purchase a 2.84% share in a new regional CAD/RMS system from New World Systems Incorporated that will replace our existing regional TIBURON/CAD system and our LEADS RMS system.

MOTION: Hanley/ Holmes/ Approved 4:0 (Powers absent)

Council recessed for 5 minutes

15. **Annual General Plan Implementation Work Plan – 2011 Calendar Year**

Senior Planner Reg Murray presented this item (available in staff report). He said the General Plan Implementation Work Plan summarizes the status of the work tasks that the City has committed to in its implementation of the General Plan. He said once approved he will submit the plan to the State Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

Council Member questions followed regarding: (1) sphere of influence expansion, (2) update inventory of historic sites, (3) park standards/ population, and (4) home buyer assistance funds.

Community Development Director Will Wong and Reg Murray addressed the park standards within the City of Auburn.

By **MOTION**, adopt the 2011 General Plan Implementation Work Plan and direct staff to submit the plan to the State Office of Planning and Research and the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

MOTION: Kirby/ Hanley/ Approved 4:0 (Powers absent)

16. **Annual Housing Element Progress Report – 2011 Calendar Year**

Senior Planner Reg Murray presented this item (available in the staff report). He reviewed notable information and/or accomplishments that occurred in 2011. He reported that the AUDA housing funds expended in the prior year were different than those listed in the staff report. The totals for the fiscal year were actually \$7,221 for contractual services and \$607 for administrative costs.

Council Member questions followed regarding: (1) if the developer for Baltimore Ravine submitted bridge plans, (2) notice/ publicity of available housing programs, and (3) first time home buyers.

By **MOTION**, adopt the 2011 Housing Element Progress Report and direct staff to submit the report to the State Office of Planning and Development and the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

MOTION: Holmes/ Kirby/ Approved 4:0 (Powers absent)

17. **Planning Commission Priority Issues in 2012**

Senior Planner Reg Murray presented this item (available in staff report). He reviewed the Planning Commission's priorities determined February 7, 2012. He reviewed the progress of the sign ordinance update.

Community Development Director Will Wong explained where the sign ordinance is heading in regards to temporary signage.

Council Member Holmes and Hanley both expressed their disappointment in the lack of progress on a sign ordinance.

Will Wong said due to past practice and direction from Council in the past, they do not cite businesses for illegal signs. He said they try to be cooperative with businesses and work towards an approved sign.

Council Member Nesbitt asked about the Auburn Recreation District (ARD) nexus report.

Will Wong said the ARD nexus report could be estimated at about 60 staff hours.

Mayor Nesbitt said he would like to see a critical path on the sign ordinance, to show time management and direction. Council Member Kirby echoed Mayor Nesbitt's concerns.

Council Member Hanley said he agrees that implementation of the ideas in the parking study are important. He said the sign ordinance should focus on getting the signs in character with the historic nature of Old Town and Downtown.

Council Member Holmes asked about the contents of Auburn's local historic registry.

City Attorney Michael Colantuono explained the difference between the local registry and a state or federal listing.

Reg Murray explained that there are properties that his department is looking into as previously being identified as being historically significant. He said since 2004, no buildings have been placed on the local registry.

Council Member Holmes asked about section 159.507 of the Auburn Municipal Code relating to preservation incentives. He quoted: "Incentives shall be reviewed by City Council annually" and confirmed that the City is not in compliance as Council has not reviewed this since 2004.

18. **HDRC Annual Review 2012 – Commission Priorities and Operations & Procedures Review**

Senior Planner Reg Murray presented this item (available in staff report). He said the Historic Design Review Commission (HDRC) met and identified priorities for the coming year. He said the HDRC noted that their existing procedures and operations were satisfactory and that no recommendations were necessary.

Council Member Holmes commented on meetings and lack of completed minutes for this commission.

Council Member Hanley asked about the application process on form-based codes.

Will Wong said during the grant review process, it was decided by the grant staff to choose different types of projects of more certainty.

19. **Annual SACOG Blueprint Project Comparison Report – 2011
Calendar Year**

Senior Planner Reg Murray presented this item (available in staff report). He reviewed the projects which the City processed in 2011 which meet, or will meet, the intent of the Blueprint.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Nesbitt adjourned the meeting, in memory of Janeene Coleman, at 8:47 p.m.

Keith Nesbitt, Mayor

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

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